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	Application No.	Applicant(s)	,
Notice of Allowability	10/717,703	D'AVANZO, SCOTT	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Benjamin H. Layno	3711	
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1. \boxtimes This communication is responsive to <u>amendment filed 10/</u>	<u>/12/04</u> .		
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-7,9-16,18-27 and 29-35</u> .		•	
3. \boxtimes The drawings filed on <u>19 November 2003</u> are accepted by	y the Examiner.		
 4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under the priority documents have a complex of the p	re been received. re been received in Applicatio	n No	m the
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

- 1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The Examiner has considered the Applicant's arguments in the reply filed 10/12/04, and agrees with the Applicant. The purpose of the pins on Matsumoto's pachinko-type or pinball-type gaming machine is to randomly impact the path of the balls as they fall from the top of the defined space to a bottom of the defined space and into one of the numbered roulette wheel slots. Combining an air suction device into Matsumoto's pachinko-type pinball-type gaming machine would destroy this concept
- 2. None of the cited references alone or in combination teach the claimed combination of "an air suction source for agitating the symboled balls; a plurality of compartments positioned about a circumference of said container, each said compartment positioned about a circumference of said container, each said compartment for capturing one or more of said symboled balls in a random fashion".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin H. Layno whose telephone number is (571) 272-4424. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 1st Friday Off.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Vidovich can be reached on (571)272-4415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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